

## SAFETY TIPS

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PASSENGERS & GUESTS

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**HAVE THE EXACT FARE READY** when boarding the bus or train. Displaying only the amount required reduces your chances of becoming a theft victim.

**DURING LATE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING**, stay near the agent on duty in subways until you hear the train coming.

**REMAIN IN A WELL LIT AREA** and observe the behavior of those around you. If you feel uneasy or threatened, change your seat or alert the conductor or driver.

**"CALL BACKS" ARE A GOOD IDEA!** Advise a family member, friend or co-worker of your travel route – example: *"I'll call you at 2 a.m. to let you know I'm home safely."* Don't take alternative routes, use a well lit, heavily traveled streets with good visibility.

**NOISY PASSENGERS ARGUING** or causing a commotion could be staged to distract you while your pocket is picked.

**IF SUSPICIOUS PERSONS ARE** hanging around the station, platform or ticket booth, **CALL THE POLICE!**

**AVOID DISPLAYING EXPENSIVE** looking watches, rings and necklaces. **DON'T** invite trouble. Whenever possible,

remove or cover up chains and rings, or turn rings around so that the stone can't be seen.

**LADIES SHOULD CARRY HANDBAGS THAT CLOSE TIGHTLY.** Carry it securely, in front of you where you can see it – NOT dangling off your shoulder. Consider using a zippered bag affixed around your waist.

**KEEP WALLETS ON THE INSIDE** coat pocket or side pants pocket – never in your back pants pocket.

**MINIMIZE THE CHANGES OF LOSING** property to a pickpocket by avoiding crowds or crowding up at bus and subway car doors when entering or exiting.

**JOSTLED? BE AWARE – A PICPOCKET** may be responsible.

**IF YOUR POCKET HAS BEEN PICKED**, call out immediately to warn the driver or conductor and everyone else that there is a pickpocket on board.

**CHAIN GRABBERS, PURSE SNATCHERS AND PICKPOCKETS CANNOT BE STOPPED UNLESS THE CRIME IS REPORTED. CALL 9-1-1 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

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